

the budget, not 15 or a tax increase.

SENATOR HALL: Or a tax increase?

SENATOR WARNER: Or a tax increase. But that is a projection of revenue issue not a budget issue as to what will make that decision.

SENATOR HALL: Right.

SENATOR WARNER: Best judgment of people, at least some, has been that the 15 is adequate. You are correct if you assume that I have doubts that that will do it because I have said that repeatedly.

SENATOR HALL: I was just asking between me and you, Jerry.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you. Members, I think that really, personally, as Senator Warner said we each have to make up our own mind and my mind is made up. I think we need to make some cuts as the Appropriations Committee has suggested. I don't agree with all of them but I do feel that we then are going to have to be looking at an across the board cut to every other budget, every other item that is excluded from this list. I think in order to avoid a tax increase, all of that is going to be necessary. I think that we are looking at that down the road if we don't, and based on all that and what I believe, I don't think that we need to go through and adopt a package based solely on the fact that the \$15 million is sacred because I think that we are going to be looking at other cuts.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: And because of that, I think that we need to go through and need to make hard decisions on commissions such as the Mexican-American Commission that serves a number of people that aren't familiar with the mainstream as we know it, that do good work, that do provide information to us as legislatures, to the Governor, to the Governor's Office, to interim studies that we ask them to conduct or ask them to participate in. I feel it is very important that we make the kinds of decisions that say, yeah, the Appropriations package is a good one, it is a good one to